Submission on electoral names

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The present three electorates are elegantly named: Molonglo, Brindabella and Ginninderra. Those names at once give an idea of locality without being confused with existing geographic names, like Tuggeranong and Belconnen.

Let's keep those three names.

Please, let's not name electorates after people. Electorates are areas, after all, and should have names with geographic relevance.

I propose the new electorates be called Namadgi and Ngunnawal. Namadgi (the Aboriginal name for the mountains to the south-west) could be for the most southerly electorate, including the whole rural south.

Brindabella could be for the inner south because you see the Brindabellas as you cross the bridges heading for the inner south.

Ginninderra would be for the far north and north-west.

Molonglo and Ngunnawal would pretty well suit the remaining electorates wherever they fall because the Molonglo River goes through the centre of Canberra and Ngunnawal is the name of the original inhabitants of the general area.